

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the heading of the first paragraph please add the following sentence:

This is a National Phase Application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage of PCT/IL2004/001172, with the filing date of December 29, 2004, an application claiming the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/532,552, filed on December 29, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 5 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Production of recombinant GST-FKBP12: Transformed TOP10 cells were induced to produce the Fusion protein by 1 mM IPTG at 28°C for 3 h. GST-FKBP12 was then extracted and purified to homogeneity on ~~Glutathione-Sepharose~~ Glutathione-SEPHAROSE® (SEPHAROSE® is a cross-linked, beaded-form of agarose) beads (**FIG. 2**).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 25 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Production of His-FRB-T7-His fusion protein: Transformed C43 cells were induced by 1 mM IPTG at 28°C for 3 h and the recombinant protein on ~~talon~~ TALON® (metal affinity resin) (Clontech) columns (CLONTECH®) (FIG. 3).